



# THE SPOTLight

News From Councilmember Sherri Lightner  
City of San Diego, District One

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*Representing the communities of:*

- Carmel Valley
- Del Mar Mesa
- La Jolla
- Pacific Highlands Ranch
- Torrey Hills
- Torrey Pines
- University City



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## Expanded Library Hours Take Effect



*The Carmel Valley branch library is one of several that is now open on Saturday and Sunday.*

Expanded library hours have recently gone into effect at all 36 branch libraries in the San Diego Public Library system.

The new hours are the most expansive in a decade at all locations. The budget approved by Council in June 2014 funds an additional 203 library hours per week city-wide.

Every branch library in San Diego will add four service hours from Monday through Saturday. In addition, 12 branches will extend hours on Saturday and Sunday, including the Carmel Valley and North University Community libraries.

Meanwhile, eight branches that are currently open on Sunday will add 3.5 more hours on Saturday and 0.5 hours on Sunday, including the La Jolla Riford library.

Sherri is pleased to have been able to restore library hours in this year's budget. "As a long-time advocate for increased library hours, I know how important these extra hours will be to everyone who loves our libraries as much as I do."

## Police Compensation Report Shows SDPD Officers Underpaid

Public safety has always been one of Sherri's top priorities, and she strongly supports our first responders and the jobs they do in keeping our neighborhoods safe.

Last week, the City released the 2014 Police Total Compensation Survey. This long-awaited report analyzed pay ranges, compensation policies, leave programs and benefits to San Diego Police Officers compared to their counterparts in 19 other

agencies throughout California, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Jose, Sacramento, other cities in San Diego County, and the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

Unfortunately, the report showed that San Diego Police Officers rank last in total compensation among all the law enforcement agencies surveyed.

Since taking office, Sherri has supported increased

police academies and other efforts to address recruitment and retention issues.

In the coming months, the City will be developing the budget for the next fiscal year. One of the top priorities will be addressing this disparity in San Diego Police Officer pay and benefits.



## New Recycling Bins Installed in Kellogg Park



Sherri has long advocated for the addition of recycling bins at City facilities such as parks and beaches.

Recently, Kellogg Park in La Jolla Shores was chosen as one of the first parks in the city to receive new recycling bins.

The bins are made by the Big Belly Company and are paired

with solar trash compactors. The bins and compactors are installed throughout the north end of Kellogg Park.

In addition to diverting recyclables from the landfill, the fully enclosed new recycling bins have also led to a reduction in items blowing away or being removed by seagulls and scattered.

Sherri hopes the bins will also help reduce problems with overflowing trash cans that have occurred in the past during peak season and on weekends.

Sherri will continue to work with the community and City staff to help improve Kellogg Park for residents and visitors to enjoy.

## \$120 Million Infrastructure Bond-funded Projects Move Ahead



Last week, the City's ability to use bond proceeds to pay for infrastructure improvements such as parks, fire stations and libraries was affirmed by the Superior Court.

The city's plans to issue a \$120 million bond to fund numerous infrastructure projects citywide had been on hold for months after a lawsuit was filed challenging this financing method, which the city has

been using for decades.

The Court's decision means that major projects, including the replacement of the Hillcrest fire station, reconstruction of the City Heights fire station, design of new fire stations in Skyline and on Home Avenue, construction of the new Mission Hills/Hillcrest branch library, and the South Mission Beach Life-guard Station can all be com-

pleted.

In addition, projects in District 1, including the Midway Street bluff repair project in Bird Rock and the University Village Tot Lot in University City, will be moving forward.

"The completion of these projects will improve our city services and quality of life throughout San Diego," Sherri said.

## University City's Braille Institute Tackles Diabetes



In October, Sherri visited the Braille Institute in University City to help kick off "El Poder Sin Ver," a diabetes and vision wellness expo.

Together with 48 community partners, doctors, and over 70 volunteers, the Braille Institute was able to vision screen nearly 600 individuals, and hundreds more were educated about vi-

sion health through diabetes-related resources and services.

Diabetic eye disease, or diabetic retinopathy, is a leading cause of blindness in adults, and the Braille Institute aims to educate the community to prevent vision impairment.

In operation since 1999, the

Braille Institute is a valuable community resource providing services such as adult classes, youth programming, library services, and low vision rehabilitation. Classes and seminars along with integrated educational, social and recreational programs are also offered to help bring hope and confidence to people who are blind or visually impaired.



## Sherri Around Town



Left to right, from top: 1. With Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman and Sherri's father, Alan Schuler, a 20-year Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol member, at a ceremony recognizing recent RSVP academy graduates. 2. Celebrating "Sharks in the Park" Day at Canyon Crest Academy field with the two-time US Youth National Champion Del Mar Carmel Valley Sharks Girls Under 17 Elite Soccer Team. 3. Kicking off the 21st annual Challenged Athletes Triathlon at La Jolla Cove with Mayor Faulconer, Foundation President Jeffrey Essakow and Chief Zimmerman. 4. Joining the La Jolla Town Council in honoring current and former crew members of the USS La Jolla Naval Submarine during its final voyage before being decommissioned. 5. Grand opening of the Blacks Beach restrooms with UCSD Vice Chancellor Gary Matthews, Blacks Beach Foundation Chair Ernie Hahn and Lifeguard Chief Rick Wurts. 6. Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the transfer of Camp Matthews Marine Corps Training Center to the University of California with the UC San Diego Veterans Association. 7. Sherri and her husband Bruce with the Holy Cows mascot at the FIRST Robotics Battle at the Border.

## Local Business Spotlight: Shorehouse Kitchen

Sherri often likes to highlight a new or unique business in District 1.

**This month's selection:**

**What:** Shorehouse Kitchen

**Where:** 2236 Avenida de la Playa, La Jolla Shores

**What you'll find:** Serving breakfast and lunch daily, along with dinner Wednesday-Sunday, Shorehouse Kitchen offers a variety of fresh American fare.

**The upside:** Shorehouse Kitchen brings a Cape Cod beach house feel to the Shores. The restaurant offers a dog-friendly patio and separate coffee, tea, juice and pastry take-out counter.

**For information:**  
[www.shorehousekitchen.com](http://www.shorehousekitchen.com) or  
858-459-3300



Shorehouse Kitchen's brunch offerings include salmon benedict.



# Working Hard for You and Your District 1 Neighbors



*Need assistance in getting a pothole fixed? Call Sherri's office at (619) 236-6611. We are here to help.*

## Repairs and Improvements

- Repaired streetlight between 2465 and 2475 Hidden Valley Rd.
- Installed speed limit sign on Eads Ave., near Kline St.
- Repaired v-calm electronic speed indicator sign on Torrey Pines Rd. at Amalfi St.
- Repaired walk signal at Mercer and Governor Dr.
- Filled pothole in the alley behind Vista de la Mesa
- Repaired asphalt on 1500 block of Vista Claridad

## Reusable Bag Giveaway in University City

Please join Sherri and the City's Environmental Services Department on Wednesday, December 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Sprouts Market on Governor Drive in South University City. They will give away free reusable bags to shoppers to help them prepare for the transition away from single use plastic bags that will occur in July 2015.

## Internship Opportunities

Know a college or graduate student who is interested in an internship in City government? Councilmember Lightner's office is currently seeking applications for interns for winter and spring 2015. Please send your cover letter, resume and a writing sample to [sherrilightner@sandiego.gov](mailto:sherrilightner@sandiego.gov) by Friday, December 12.

Sherri is on the Web at

[sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/](http://sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd1/)

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## Important City Department Contact Numbers

Need help with an issue in your neighborhood? Here are some important City numbers you can call, or please don't hesitate to contact Sherri's office for assistance.

<b>Emergency (Police, Fire, Medical)</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Non-Emergency Police (Minor crime report)</b>	<b>619-531-2000</b>
<b>Graffiti Removal</b>	<b>619-525-8522</b>
<b>Pothole Repair</b>	<b>619-527-7500</b>
<b>Street Lights</b>	<b>619-527-7500</b>
<b>Illegal Dumping</b>	<b>858-694-7000</b>
<b>Missed Trash Pick Up</b>	<b>858-694-7000</b>
<b>Neighborhood Code Compliance</b>	<b>619-236-5500</b>
<b>Building Permit Information</b>	<b>619-446-5000</b>
<b>Lifeguard Information</b>	<b>619-221-8899</b>
<b>Traffic Division</b>	<b>619-495-7800</b>
<b>Dead Animal Pick-Up/Animal Control</b>	<b>619-767-2675</b>
<b>Abandoned Vehicle</b>	<b>619-531-2000</b>